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The Honorable David E. Price
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair and Ranking Member,

I am requesting funding for the Clara White Mission (CMS) White Harvest Farms and Market Project through the Economic Development Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Clara White Mission, Inc.— White Harvest Farms, located at 613 West Ashley Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Provide a funding level of \$2,000,000 to the Clara White Mission (CMS) White Harvest Farms and Market Project through the Economic Development Initiative. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer's funds because this funding will allow the farm to expand by building a state of the art processing and packaging center which will enable the farm to utilize fresh produce coupled with food provided by community partners to develop healthy meals for seniors at least five days per week. The center will also be open for the public use for healthy nutrition courses, food demonstrations, food packaging employment training, and use as a rental space for the culinary kitchen and local business. The project will also create opportunities to educate and empower the community with 8-10 raised flatbed community garden plots so residents can become urban farmers. More than 59% of the residence residing within the cities designated health zone 1, suffer from low access to fresh and healthy food due to poverty, low income, and lack of transportation to mainstream grocery stores. Many residents seek assistance from grassroot programs, like White Harvest Farms, to make ends meet, while acquiring about a healthier lifestyle.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress